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Dear Sir:

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No additional fee is required.

Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>07-1337</u>, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Sir:

The "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" section of the Amendment filed January 23, 2004 has been found incompliant with 37 CFR 1.121. Please do not enter the section.

Please enter the following claim amendments which are believed free of the informalities noted by the Examiner in the Office Action sent April 19, 2004. The enclosed "Listing of Claims" includes changes made relative to the <u>original</u> claims.